

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented): A computer user interface device, for use by a user for communicating information to a computer, the user interface device comprising:

a keyboard module for producing keyboard user function signals based on user input operations;

a specialty module directly couplable to said keyboard module for producing a specialized set of user function signals based on user input operations; and

circuitry, on said specialty module, for coupling the keyboard and specialized user function signals to the computer.

2-4 (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 1, wherein the keyboard module ~~includes~~ comprises a mechanical coupling structure; and

the specialty module ~~includes~~ comprises a mechanical coupling structure, complementary with the mechanical coupling structure on the keyboard module.

6. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 5, wherein one of the mechanical coupling structures ~~includes~~ comprises a cavity.

7. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 5, wherein the mechanical coupling structures include comprise electrical connectors.

8-9 (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein the computer user interface device is one of a computer keyboard device, control panel and instrument panel.

11. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein said keyboard module includes comprises directional cursor movement keys and programmable function keys.

12. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device of claim 5, wherein one of the mechanical coupling structures includes comprises guide rails and the other of said mechanical coupling structures includes comprises corresponding guide slots.

13. (Previously Presented): The computer user interface device of claim 1, further comprising a locking structure for coupling and locking said keyboard module and said specialty module together.

14. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device of claim 13, wherein said keyboard module includes comprises a snap lock and said specialty module includes comprises a snap recess which is engaged by said snap lock.

15. (Currently Amended): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein said keyboard module includes comprises a side cavity in a central portion thereof sized to accommodate said specialty module.

16. (Currently Amended): A computer user interface device, for use by a user for communicating information to a computer, the user interface device comprising:

 a first module for producing a first set of user function signals based on user input operations;

 a second module directly couplable to said first module for producing a specialized set of user function signals based on user input operations; and

 circuitry, on said second module, for coupling the first and second user function signals to the computer.